

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

PONCIETTA EARLE,

Petitioner,

Civil No. 4:06-CV-14823  
HONORABLE PAUL V. GADOLA  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

v.

CLARICE STOVALL,

Respondent,

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**SECOND ORDER COMPELLING PRODUCTION OF STATE COURT RECORD**

Petitioner filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. On November 17, 2006, the Court signed an order of responsive pleading requiring respondent to file an answer in accordance with Rule 5 of the habeas corpus rules by January 19, 2007. After being given an extension of time, respondent filed an answer to the petition on May 23, 2007. Respondent, however, has failed to file the Rule 5 materials. These materials are necessary for resolving petitioner's claims.

The habeas corpus rules require respondents to attach the relevant portions of the transcripts of the state court proceedings, if available, and the court may also order, on its own motion, or upon the petitioner's request, that further portions of the transcripts be furnished. *Griffin v. Rogers*, 308 F. 3d 647, 653 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2002); Rules Governing § 2254 Cases, Rule 5, 28 U.S.C. foll. § 2254. "When this information is required, it is the State's responsibility to provide it." *Griffin*, 308 F. 3d at 654. An appropriate response to a habeas petition is an answer which responds to each

allegation contained in the petition and which attaches copies of the relevant judgment of conviction, any available and relevant transcripts, and any post-conviction pleadings and decisions. *Chavez v. Morgan*, 932 F. Supp. 1152, 1153 (E.D. Wis. 1996). Habeas Rule 5 speaks in mandatory terms as to what must be attached to the respondent's answer. *Flamer v. Chaffinch*, 774 F. Supp. 211, 219 (D. Del. 1991). The general rule is that a district court must review the entire state court trial transcript in federal habeas cases, and where substantial portions of that transcript were omitted before the district court, the habeas case should be remanded to the District Court for consideration in light of the full record. See *Adams v. Holland*, 330 F. 3d 298, 406 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2003). It is reversible error for a district court to fail to review the transcripts upon which a habeas petitioner's claims are dependent. See *Shaw v. Parker*, 27 Fed. Appx. 448, 450 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2001).

Based upon the foregoing, the court orders respondent to produce the Rule 5 materials within **twenty one (21) days** of the date of this order or show cause why they are unable to comply with the order.

S/R. Steven Whalen  
R. STEVEN WHALEN  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Dated: August 8, 2007

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the foregoing order was served on the attorneys and/or parties of record by electronic means or U.S. Mail on August 8, 2007.

S/G. Wilson  
Judicial Assistant